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ment of cargo having ceased almost entirely. Marseilles has no quarantine against Alexandria, so that much of the traffic that naturally comes to Naples direct is now coming by the way of Marseilles because Italy has established no quarantine on its borders. I have written the United States consul at Marseilles to telegraph me if any cases of plague should make their appearance at that port. In this way the Bureau can perhaps be informed more promptly than through the usual channels.

Respectfully, yours,

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MARITIME SANITARY ORDER NO. 6.

[Translated in this Bureau from copy officially forwarded.]

ROME, June 12, 1899.

In view of the authority conferred by the law of December 22, 1888, and of the resolutions adopted by the International Sanitary Convention of Venice, March, 1897, relative to preventive measures against bubonic plague, and furthermore, in view of the fact that packages arrive from infected countries containing articles of personal and domestic use, and rags, it is hereby decreed that such packages are prohibited entry into the Kingdom of Italy.

BERTOLINI,

Minister of the Interior.

ORDER No. 7.

ROME, June 16, 1899.

In view of the authority of the law of December 22, 1899, and of previous maritime sanitary orders, dated May 8, 1897, April 3, May 3, and December 4, 1898, and May 21 and 28, 1899, it is decreed as follows :

The regulations for maritime sanitation prescribed in the orders named shall apply exclusively to the ports of Genoa, Leghorn, Naples, Nisida, Palermo, Messina, Brindisi and Venice.

The prefects of maritime provinces and the port officials are charged with the execution of this order.

BERTOLINI,

Minister of the Interior.

JAVA.

Batavia quarantines against Penang.

The United States consul at Batavia, Java, reports May 29, 1899, that plague having broken out at Penang, a quarantine of ten days, including the time consumed in the voyage, has been imposed against vessels arriving from that port.

MEXICO.

Report on the inspection service in Mexico.

MEXICO, July 3, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the arrangements for the certification, inspection, and disinfection of passengers and baggage, as the case may be, are progressing very favorably. The Mexican Central